

REMARKS

The present application is a divisional application of Application No. 09/617,539, filed July 14, 2000.

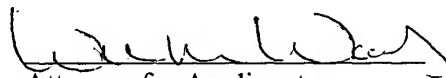
The specification has been amended to refer to the parent application and to place such in better form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1 through 12 have been canceled. Claims 13 through 22 have been presented to accord Applicants an additional scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. See, for example, page 35, line 23 through page 36, line 5 and page 40, lines 1 through 7 of the specification. Claims 13 and 18 are the only independent claims.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the application are allowable. Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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